

# PAFF Committee Animal Health and Welfare & Controls and Import Conditions

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ASF-Preparedness in Germany

# Strategy for ASF-Preparedness in Germany

- Targeted information campaign
- Review and amendment of animal health and hunting legislation
- Close communication between hunting and animal health authorities on all administrative levels
- Active work of the National Reference Laboratory (Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut)
- ASF-Simulation exercises on all administrative levels and between those
- Hunting measures
- Biosecurity
- International and national cooperation, also with hunting and pig insustry associations



## Targeted information campaign

- Main target groups: hunter, farmers, travellers, long-distance driver, people doing hunting trips, caregivers and nursing staff, veterinarians
- Media: posters, flyer, brochures, multi-language information material, FAQ's and further information on the website of the Federal Ministry, information in trains, infographics, social media and twitter
- Interviews and information in specialised press to pass deeper information to hunters and farmers
- Cooperation with other MSs and Switzerland
- Information campaigned exists since 2014 and was ever since deepened and enlarged



## Targeted information campaign

### Example of in infographic



# Review and amendment of animal health legislation

### For example:

- Establishing a legal basis:
  - To build fences on private ground in infected area
  - To control entry to core area
- Cleansing and disinfection of transport vehicles
- Monitoring for ASF
- Enhance biosecurity



# Review and amendment of hunting legislation

### For example:

#### Establishing a legal basis:

- For all-the-year hunting of wild boar with respect to the protection of nursing sows
- For administrative orders to enable hunting during reproduction and the raising in case of animal disease
- For administrative orders to stop or reinforce hunting
- For reinforced search for dead wild boar



# Close communication between hunting and animal health authorities on all administrative levels

- Using an internet-based national animal disease information system (TSN)
- Regular simulation exercises
- Contacts by working on the information campaign
- Previous exchange of information necessary in case of an ASF outbreak
- Standardisation and digitalisation of needed data



# Active work of the National Reference Laboratory

- Establishment of an ASF-searching association within five institutes of the Friedrich-Loeffler-Insitut
- Close cooperation with other reference laboratories and the EU reference laboratory
- Participation of national experts in EUVET-Missions
- Active research on ASF and for example carcass development

### **ASF-Simulation exercises**

### On European level:

- 2018 between Poland and Germany
- 2019 between Denmark and Germany

#### On national level:

- Between different Laender
- Between all administrative levels of a Land
- Practicing communication between hunting and animal health authorities
- Practicing in detail work in case of an ASF-outbreak (searching for carcasses, testing and removal of carcasses, risk-assessment and – communication, PR…)



## Hunting measures

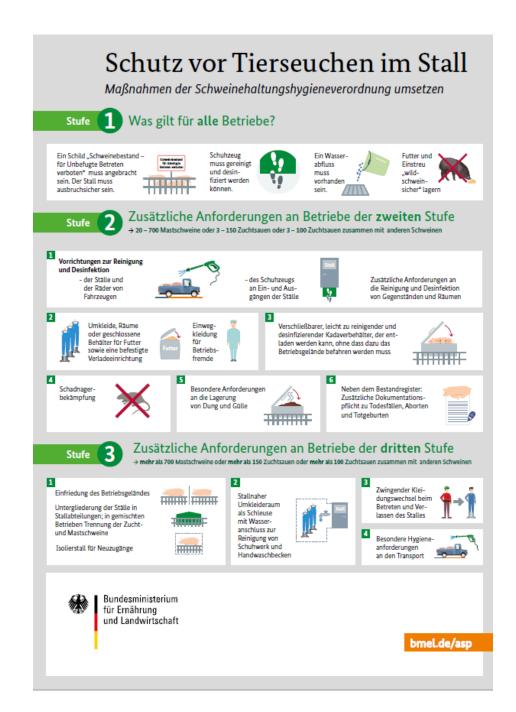
- Information on the urgent need to decrease the wild boar population in Germany
- Alternative hunting strategies e.g. for rural areas
- Significant increase of the national hunting bag during the last years
- Information and exchange about trapping by the Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries "Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut"
- Close relationship to farmers and farmer associations



## Biosecurity

- Part of the information campaign
- Brochures and posters for farmers and hunters
- Passing on information by social media and twitter
- Biosecurity is an important legal requirement for all pig breeders
- Regularly checked by the competent authorities
- Communication about importance of biosecurity during hunting also passed to hunting associations





# International and national cooperation

- Regular guest at the meeting of GF-TADs SGE ASF
- Close cooperation with neighbouring MSs
- Profound exchange of information between the federal level and the Laender
- Exchange of information with stakeholder organisations
- Participation in BTSF-programs
- Passing on knowledge to specialist circles
- Information for general public e.g. during the International Green Week



## Thank you for your attention

### For more information, especially to the information campaign please see:

- <u>www.bmel.de/asp</u>
- <u>www.fli.de/de/aktuelles/tierseuchengeschehen/afrikanische-schweinepest</u>

